

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 16, 2004

Division: District 1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: Commissioner Dixie M. Spehar

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

A resolution honoring the life of Vera Vanderline Smith Butler, who passed away on May 20, 2004 at the age of 107, the oldest known person in Key West.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Vera Butler's relatives credit her long life to her no-drinking, no-smoking policy, while others believe it was her steadfast faith, spirituality and love of gospel music that filled her home on Mickens Lane.

PREVIOUS REVELANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty X OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

Dixie M. Spehar
(Commissioner Dixie M. Spehar)

DOCUMENTATION: Included X To Follow _____ Not Required _____

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # Q12

RESOLUTION NO. 2004**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY IN
RECOGNITION OF THE LATE VERA BUTLER**

WHEREAS, Vera Vanderline Smith Butler passed away on May 20, 2004, at the age of 107, the oldest known person in Key West; and

WHEREAS, Vera Vanderline Smith Butler, was born on March 31, 1897, to Janus and Rosana Jane Smith in Key West, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Vera Butler, affectionately known as "Ma Vera", met and married the late Samuel "Bookie" Butler at an early age. From this union five children were born, four of whom preceded her in death. Ma Vera was a loving mother to her own children and to every child in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Vera Butler was a lifetime member and oldest mother of Trinity Presbyterian Church; she enjoyed attending church and singing hymns; she held various offices with the church throughout the years. She enjoyed visiting churches of all denominations and was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Vera Butler's relatives credit her long life to her no-drinking, no-smoking policy, while others believe it was her steadfast faith, spirituality, and love of gospel music that filled her home on Mickens Lane; and

WHEREAS, Vera Butler is survived by her devoted and only living son, Robert F. Butler, Sr.; daughter-in-law, Alfridina E. Butler; 25 grandchildren; 67 great-grand children; 44 great-great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-great-grand children; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; 1 sister-in-law Jerline Butler; a devoted god-child, Norma Jean Shorter Attanda; her extended church; the convalescent families, and a host of sorrowing friends; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Hereby adopts this Resolution as a permanent record of the love and respect in which Vera Butler was held by her family and by the community throughout Key West.

Section 2: Upon approval of this resolution, Commissioner Dixie M. Spehar is hereby designated to forward a copy to Vera Butler's family expressing the Board's Sorrow.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 2004.

Mayor Murray E. Nelson
Mayor Pro Tem David P. Rice
Commissioner Dixie M. Spehar
Commissioner George Neugent
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy

(SEAL)

Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM

Suzanne A. Hutton

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 5/28/04